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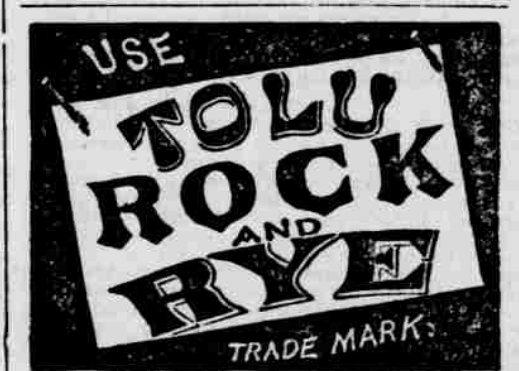
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cause in their gambols the boys were lost to all sense of the cruelty they were practicing, and they tossed him about regardless of the fact that his bones could be broken or his sinews snapped.

Cramming his books in his bag, and natching up his cap, Joe dashed out of the door. Blinky was ready for him, and did not know what all this haste meant, but dashed after his master, as in duty bound.

"I say, fellows, stop that!" he shouted, repeating the "stop that!" as loud as his lungs could make the exertion. The din was so great that it was some moments before they heard him, but Blinky barked at their heels, and helped to arrest their attention.

"Stop! what shall we stop for?" asked one of the bigger and rougher ones.

"You are doing a mean, hateful thing—that's why."

"Oho! that's because you haven't share in it," was the sneering reply.

"If you'll stop, I'll run the gauntlet or you," said Joe. There was a pause; perhaps that would be better than foot-balls; besides, Joe never got mad, and little Bob was crying hard. "Let Bob go home, fair and square, and I'll run," repeated Joe.

"All right," they shouted. "Come on, then."

Joe helped to uncover Bob, shook the snow off his clothes, wiped his eyes with the cuff of his coat, and sent him on his way. Then the boys formed two lines, each with as many snow-balls as he could hurriedly make, and Joe prepared for the run. Blinky was furious, and Joe shouted, "Fire away!" and started down the line, he barked himself hoarse. Hot and heavy came the balls, or rather cold and fast they fell

Editorial Notes.

The first legislative act of Mr. Williams, the colored member of the Ohio Legislature, was the introduction of a bill to permit the intermarriage of whites and blacks.

It is reported that the Rev. Mr. Hayden, lately acquitted of murder in Connecticut—one juror held out to declare him guilty—intends traveling about as a lecturer.

The fact that the Lake of Zurich, in Switzerland, is frozen over for the fourth time this winter is very cold comfort for the men whose ice houses on the Hudson river still remain empty.

Negotiations are in progress for the consolidation of the Pullman Palace Car Company and the Wagner Sleeping Car Company, on terms favorable to the former. It is a good year for monopolies.

The lower house of California Legislature has appointed a committee on forestry to devise a plan for the protection of forests in the State, that the rainfall may be regulated in the beneficial manner intended by nature.

Speaking of the public schools of Chicago, the *News* says: "While the city cannot afford to instruct its children in music, drawing, and the languages, it can, and it must provide a primary education for every little one within our municipal limits."

In Chicago the murders have averaged one a day since the beginning of the new year, while it is impossible to enumerate the crimes of less degree. If any Southern city had such a record what a howl would be raised by the stalwarts in Congress about it.

One of those peculiar slaveholders known as Italian padrones has been sentenced to five years in the Albany penitentiary for inveigling seven boys from Italy to beg and play on musical instruments while he pocketed the cash receipts and treated the boys as slaves.

According to the Cincinnati *Enquirer* it has been ascertained that out of 2617 Republicans who have been interviewed as to the Presidency, only about half are for Sherman. The number set down for Blaine is 571, with some of the strongest Blaine districts not heard from.

The Kansas City *Times* suggests that "a Pinafore entertainment for the benefit of the late lamented Greenback party of Missouri wouldn't be out of place just now. Martine Williams could do *Dick Deadeye* artistically and Britton A. Hill would make a charming *Buttercup*."

One of the witnesses before the Senate special committee on negro exodus testified that there existed a belief among the blacks in North Carolina that the penal laws of Indiana were less severe than in the Tar-heel State, and that this probably had some effect in influencing emigration to Hoosierdom.

In response to an invitation to attend the annual reception of the Iron City Tilden Club, of Pittsburg, on the thirtieth ult., Mr. Tilden sent the following sentiment: Obedience to the choice of the majority as expressed in the elections is the vital principle of self-government, without which its forms are a sham, representing only fraud or force.

Mr. Murat Halstead, of the Cincinnati *Commercial*, was the author of report that Graat had instructed his friends to withdraw him from the field as a presidential candidate. The New York *Herald*, which first published it, now states that it has made an examination, and finds Mr. Halstead's story devoid of grounds to justify it.

The Utica *Herald* thinks if Grant is the nominee of the Chicago convention it will not be because the Republican masses demand such a choice, or even because the majority of the Republican politicians desire it. It will rather be because a few are clamorously and energetically for it and the rest stand idly by and permit the few to act for all.

Says the New Orleans *Democrat* of the 3d instant: "The somewhat unusual spectacle is presented in this city now of orange trees which are in full blossom though still laden with ripe fruit. There are not many prettier sights than that presented by the contrasts between the dark satin leaves, the rich golden fruit and the snowy, odororous blossoms of the orange."

This is the way the Albany *Argus* talks about the Republican plan to steal the electoral vote of New York: "The Republicans of New York may deprive themselves of the right to vote for electors of President and Vice President this year by legislative device if they want to. The Democratic party of New York will vote for electors of

President and Vice President, in any event, in the old-fashioned way, and the declaration of the popular vote will be sent on in the usual way. If the Republicans want to have two sets of certificates from this State for a Democratic Congress to pass on, they may go on and have it so."

The Philadelphia *Times* says: President Hayes should remember that there is a returning board Governor in Maine who is without a State to govern, and he should be provided for. Stearns, of Florida, who was left in a like embarrassing condition in 1876, has been provided for by a place on an important commission; Packard, of Louisiana, was made consul to Liverpool, and now Smith, of Maine, should not be overlooked. He has a curbstone Legislature much after the style of the Stearns and Packard bodies, but he must soon give up the fight and must have a soft place in which to fall if the precedents of the administration are to be maintained.

The Philadelphia *Times* pertinently propounds the question: Are not the Republicans of Maine spreading themselves over dangerous ground when they propose to pass a law providing for the punishment of persons who unlawfully pretend to be State officers? Of course if Senator Blaine's followers in Maine shall set him such an example, he will insist upon passing a like national law, and what would then become of the pretenders of Louisiana, Florida and South Carolina who have been rewarded by the President with official favors? Do the Republicans of Maine want to create alarm in official circles at Washington and send scores of partisan favorites to prison cells?

GENERAL LAND OFFICE INCONSISTENCY.

"What Is Sars for the Goose Is Not Sars for the Gander," it Seems.

Ed. Register—

About a year ago I entered 171 acres of land in the west end of Iron county, basing my right to do so upon a positive letter of the Commissioner of the General Land Office—dated Nov. 19, 1878, of which the following is that part bearing upon the subject:

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR,
GENERAL LAND OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 19, 1878.

Final certificate 943 issued June 15, 1875, to Joseph S. Beck in Homestead Entry 3535 made Nov. 25, 1870, for Lot 1 S.W. 3, T. 34, N. 1 E., is suspended, being within the 20-mile limits of the indemnity grant made to the St. Louis and Iron Mountain railroad. Both the odd and even sections between 10 and 20 miles limits of said road were withdrawn as "indemnity," per letter to your office of April 29, 1870, the receipt of which was acknowledged May 5, 1870; and the lands therein withdrawn, have never been, as yet, restored. If Mr. Beck will procure and forward through you to this office a waiver of the claim of said railroad company, to the tract above described, under the act of June 22, 1874, the entry may then be approved and passed for patent, so far as the railroad claim is concerned, and the company will then be allowed to select other land within the limits of the grant in lieu of this tract, if, by the final construction of the road, it shall become entitled to the lands granted. But until such waiver of the company's claims is received, or until such time as the withdrawal herein referred to shall be adjusted, the entry must remain in abeyance. Please notify Mr. Beck of the foregoing.

Very Respectfully,

[Signed] W. W. CURTIS,
Acting Commissioner.

Now the above either means something, or it means nothing. Mr. Curtis either said what he meant, or he did not mean what he said, one or the other, or else he is an ass unfit to hold the office he fills.

I went to Mr. Thomas Allen, President of the Iron Mountain Railroad Company, and obtained a waiver and release, as laid down in the above letter, as being necessary to make an entry of railroad land, and made my entry. It remained apparently all right until nearly a year ago—until R. B. Hayes' Minister of Interior's attention was called to this special entry, and the following partition and arbitrary actions and inconsistent rulings are the result:

DEPT. OF INTERIOR, GEN'L. LAND OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C. Sept. 26, 1879.

REGISTER AND RECEIVER, Ironton, Mo.:
The following entry, No. 5490, made Feb'y 20, 1879, by Robert L. Lindsay, of Lots 1 and 2 of the S.W. 3, T. 34, R. 2 East, Ironton, Missouri, fall within the aforesaid "indemnity" limits, between 10 and 20 miles, and were erroneously allowed, under the impression that the waiver executed by T. Allen, Esq., as President of the above railroad company, was a sufficient disclaimer in the premises, as stated in the letter of the 3d inst. *** The entry of Mr. Lindsay (No. 5490) is held for cancellation.

[Signed] J. M. ANTHONY,
Act'g Commissioner.

Comment is unnecessary upon such official stupidity and blundering as the

vivid contrast puts forth in the above comparisons. Fair-minded persons can see for themselves. Mr. Schurz and his commissioners have the power now to do a little of anything—that is all. That is what is the matter. Their days are few, and numbered at that. The success to either the Democratic or Republican party—and with them goes all the show, of apes, baboons, suckies and toadies.

Very Respectfully,
ROBT L. LINDSAY.
From Des Arc.
Des Arc, Mo., Feb. 24, 1880.

Ed. Register—

Having seen nothing from Des Arc for some time, I thought I would drop you a few lines.

Old Mother Pickard, C. A. Butt's mother-in-law, is now, and has been for a long time, very sick. Her exit is expected every hour.

There was a young gentleman introduced into Mr. McGee's family last Friday evening. Mr. McGee celebrated the event by crawling into a new suit of clothes from top to toe, or at least I judged so on seeing him on the depot platform the following evening with a suit I never saw him have on before. Both mother and son are doing well.

Three youngsters in Des Arc in the last three weeks! How is that for high? Can your people at the Hub beat it? We say, No!

Des Arc is still improving. T. P. Fitz has just completed a magnificent ice-house, and aims to house a crop of summer ice.

Clarkson & Omahundro are putting up a saw-mill. They have the shed up, and will have the mill here in a few days. They claim that when they get their mill in operation they will cut twenty thousand feet of lumber a day. Gentlemen, that is too much.

C. A. Butts, Esq., has made several improvements by building a new plank fence around his house and lot on the hill and by giving his dwelling-house a new coat of paint. He has also built a five-span bridge across Black River Creek, between his house and town. So there is no danger of the deputy sheriff falling in the creek, no odds how often he passes by Capt. A.

Capt. Zwart and J. W. Holloman paid our town a short visit a few days ago, prospecting for mineral. The result was satisfactory. They succeeded in gathering up about half a ton of white flint-rocks and nick-named them quartz. The valuation of land will go right up now, of course. When last heard of the above named gentlemen were out in section 12, township 31, range 3 east, still finding quartz (white flint-rocks).

Robert Beard, our popular school teacher, is not looking very well. He is pestered with the swamp chills that he contracted last summer down in Dunklin county. Bob is a good teacher and a clever young man, and our school officials have all the confidence in him; or at least I judge so, from the fact that neither of them has ever visited the school since it commenced, as the law requires that they should do. I give this as a hint to you, school officers. Please take notice.

But, by the way, Des Arc has the best school in the county. We pay teachers better wages and have longer terms than any other school district in the county.

I see from the REGISTER that Mike Dodson is still loafing around Arcadia. Poor Mike; what a pity he escaped from the lunatic asylum. I hope isn't vicious.

Now, Mr. Editor, what is the matter with the REGISTER. When I got the last number I thought the postmaster had made a mistake and gave me the wrong paper. I turned and turned—Got lost. Could not find the News Summary; could not find the Proceedings of Congress—in short, could not find anything, till I happened to run across Mike Dodson's nonsense and then I got all right.

No more for the present.
Yours, Truly,
UNCLE NED.

Reform Needed in the Mail Service.

BLACK RIVER, Feb 2d, 1880.

Ed. Register—

Since you enlarged your paper the thought struck me that now there was an opportunity for me to get on your contributors' staff; and who knows (although I own to being an ignoramus) but what I may yet come up with Bret Harte and other writers?

My first attempt to write for your paper will, however, be a grievance about our mail facilities. We live so fast out here that Uncle Sam gives us one mail per week (Monday). This will give you an idea how well we are

posted. The mail previously started from your city Monday morning, and your genial postmaster would send us the very latest news he could and we were well pleased. Now the route has been changed, and Star Route—I suppose—established; the starting point being Graniteville.

Now, supposing some Saturday you wanted to send a communication of great importance to one of the post-offices in the western part of the county: you write the letter, address it, deposit it in your post-office, the postmaster puts on "Ironton," etc., with a stamp, and sends it with a God-speed on the first mail train going north.

Now guess, when will the letter be received? The post-offices are from eight to ten miles from your city; and yet, strange to say, the letter will be received in just ten days after you mailed it—that is, providing they are there at the office on the day the mail arrives.

How fast! Just think of it; the letter traveling from one to three miles, on an average, per day!

Now, Mr. Editor, I come at what the people out here want. You are a large and muscular man; and should you go Washington, present the case to "Father Hayes" or General Key. No doubt they would at once countermand the order (providing you would look a little less pleasant than you generally do); and, who knows, but that for past omissions they would issue a Special Order No. — to promote us from the ranks to wear small stripes, or even shoulder straps.

Now, Mr. Editor, in all seriousness, this is outrageous; for the sake of one man, (probably one of the returning board), to discommode a large part of this county is beyond our patience, and it ought to be remedied.

Mr. Editor, should you deem this worthy of a corner in your paper, I may be emboldened to come again some other time and give you a description of this part of the county.

Yours, Respectfully,
BACKWOODSMAN.

A Leap-Year Party at Graniteville.

Ed. Register—

Allow me a small space amidst the columns of the REGISTER to let our readers know how the ladies of Graniteville and vicinity turned out and gave a leap-year party; which was a grand success on their part.

At eight o'clock P. M. the ladies arrived at the hall with the gentlemen on their arms and seated them and took off their wrappings.

Their were four ladies appointed as floor managers: Misses Agnes Shannon, Kate O'Brien, Mary McDonnell and Mary O'Brien; who left nothing lacking on their part as managers.

Dancing commenced and was kept up until four o'clock in the morning.

We noticed from the infant to the old gray-locks in attendance at the party. Among the older ones were Messrs. James F. Fitzpatrick, Daniel O'Brien, William Mason and John Schwab, Jr. We also noticed a great many young men from Bellevue, among whom we saw Mr. Thomas Foley, who seemed to attract the attention of many of the young ladies.

The married ladies exchanged husbands, and after marching them up to the front and taking their wrappings off, took them on the floor to dance.

We noticed, also, William O'Brien limping around with a sprained ankle which he received at Farmington the day previous.

The supper—which was a donation from all the ladies of Graniteville and vicinity—was composed of cakes of all kinds, coffee, etc., which all partook of and ate heartily.

The ladies paid for the music and all other expenses.

Middlebrook was well represented. Mr. August Block and sister, and Messrs. Geesing and Seitz being present. Also, some from Pilot Knob were seen waiting around in their graceful manner.

During the evening Mr. William Mason delivered a recitation from Shakespeare, which was followed by a song from A. Graham, Esq., of Pilot Knob, and the singing was kept up by many, others, which helped to make everything pleasant.

There was only one thing lacking on the part of the ladies, and that was they had a gentlemen to prompt; which was excusable on account of the weak lungs of the fair sex. Yet great credit is due the ladies in the enterprise which they carried out so well; and many of the young gentlemen wish that every year was leap year, as the ladies came and got them and took them home again safely, and then went their way home all alone.

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Feb. 1st, 1880.